

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 95

By Bunch

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the ministers and congregation of Thompson Springs Baptist Church upon their 75th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, the churches of our nation have been an integral part of our history as a people and have had an unparalleled impact in forming and maintaining a stable and just society; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should recognize those venerable religious institutions and their congregations who, through their unflagging capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, strive to enrich the lives of people in their communities; one such dynamic and historic community of faith is Thompson Springs Baptist Church in Cleveland, Tennessee, the members of which, on March 25, 2007, are celebrating its 75th Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Thompson Springs Baptist Church was organized in 1932, in a log home in the scenic Thompson Springs area with William H. Coffee serving faithfully as the first pastor; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1934, a new building was dedicated; it had been built largely by members and friends of the church on land donated by T. Cook and Lela Thompson near the Thompson Farm Spring from which it received its name; and

WHEREAS, since its humble beginnings, this fine congregation has increased its floor space to four times that of the original; it has added a vestibule, a basement, restrooms, Sunday School rooms, a choir loft, and a fellowship hall; in recent times, the present auditorium has been remodeled, a baptistery has been installed, and a steeple has been added; and

WHEREAS, the devout members of the congregation of Thompson Springs Baptist Church have faithfully striven to carry out God's work in the world and at the same time have furnished many community leaders throughout its history; and

WHEREAS, as a powerful tool in the service of the Kingdom of God, Thompson Springs Baptist Church is truly one of the great religious institutions and catalysts for positive spiritual change in our State and Nation, and the members of this exceptional congregation should be appropriately honored for their exemplary service to their fellow Christians and to the good people of Cleveland and Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join in celebrating the 75th anniversary of Thompson Springs Baptist Church, thank the good people of this historic congregation and their ministers for their notable service to their Lord and the State of Tennessee, and wish them much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.